

# At age 80 I find my computer to be a surprisingly useful tool.

Not only does it keep me in touch with old/new friends around the globe, but I read newspapers from other countries,



- \*do my banking,
- \*look up recipes,
- \*verify mileage for my tax returns,
- \*learn to speak German,
- \*create my own greeting cards from my own photographs,
- \*get advice on how to care for newly acquired chickens,
- \*order various items from whichever site has the best price,
- \*download jigsaw puzzles to do whenever I wish,
- \*check 'names in the news' before the broadcast is even over,
- \*plan my days according to the weather reports,
- \*copy and "renew" old snapshots, and too many other things to mention in a short paragraph.

One very useful thing I have enjoyed doing is planning vacations in the U.S.A. or England and Switzerland. It may take a year, but before I leave I have checked rail tickets, hotel reviews, booked hotels, local sites of interest, meal sites, and maps of villages and rail stations...on and on...

I urge anyone with a computer to get involved in bringing a better Internet service to New Salem.

- Geraldine Annear